

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 43, 50, 54 – 57, 62, 69 – 72, 77, 81, 83, 90, 96 – 97 have been cancelled. Claims 44, 52, 53, 61, 73 – 75, 78, 82, 87, 91 and 98 have been amended. Claims 100 – 103 have been added. Claims 44 – 49, 51 – 53, 58 – 61, 63 – 68, 73 – 76, 78 – 80, 82, 84 – 89, 91 – 95 and 98 – 103 remain pending.

The Examiner indicated Claims 51, 54 – 57, 72 – 74, 83, 84 and 97 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 44 – 50, 52, 53, 58 – 71, 75 – 82, 85 – 96 and 99 stood rejected under U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Hagersten. While Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, Applicant has nevertheless amended the claims to place the subject matter indicated as being allowable in independent form. More particularly, Claim 44 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 51, Claim 61 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent Claim 72, Claim 75 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 83, and Claim 87 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 97. Added Claim 101 includes the limitations of Claim 54.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-98900.

Respectfully submitted,



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